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In re application of: James J. Mezey, Sr.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto are Form PTO-1449 and Form PTO/SB/08B listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of this information disclosure statement. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

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It is believed this disclosure complies with the requirement of 37 CFR 1.56 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. It for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

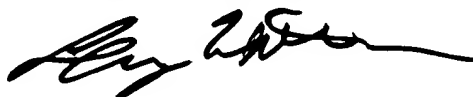
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Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 396-1112 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

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